

WOMAN SAYS SHE IS GOVERNED BY RELIGION ONLY

Distributes Seditious Literature Aware of the Fact That Act Is Forbidden by Federal Government.

Kearney, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Mrs. Vinnie Tatum and Earl Henninger were called before the Council of Defense here this afternoon to explain why they persisted in distributing literature of the International Bible Students' association containing matter classified as seditious. Both admitted having circulated pamphlets considered objectionable to the council. Mrs. Tatum was taken in charge at Elm Creek as she was about to distribute the literature there. She admitted having disposed of many of the pamphlets at towns on the Kearney-Calloway branch line. Many of these were circulated during the night to prevent arrest and disturbances. She stated that she knew the government opposed circulating these pamphlets, but that they were in accordance with her religious belief, which solely governed her actions. It was also learned by the council, in testimony taken, that there has been organized in Kearney a class of Bible students, all interested in this particular religion and being party to the distribution of the publication referred to. This class, it was stated, had 15 members, and it is likely the council will ask them all to appear before a special committee for hearing. A large quantity of the pamphlets and other matter, including publications of the late Pastor Russell, were seized at the Tatum home.

Nebraska to Furnish 987 Men to National Army May 1

Lincoln, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Nebraska's contingent for the national army to go to Fort Logan, Colo., is scheduled to leave the state May 1 to 5. Nine hundred and seventy-eight men will be in the movement. The Douglas county quota will leave Omaha May 3 over the Burlington at 12.30 p. m. via Lincoln and will reach Denver at 4:50 a. m. the next day, leaving at 5 a. m. and arrive at Fort Logan at 6 a. m. The Douglas county quota is as follows: The county, 15; Board 1, city, 26; Board 2, city, 29; Board 3, city, 33; Board 4, city, 38; Board 5, city, 31. Cass county contingent of 14 men will leave Omaha at the same time, while the Lancaster quota of 63 men will join the train at Lincoln.

Pleads Guilty to Uttering Disloyal Remark; Fined \$100

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—The first trial here under the sedition law was held Tuesday, when John Habel was fined \$100 and costs, following his plea of guilty to making disloyal remarks. He was arrested on complaint of the county attorney, following his alleged assertion that "this country will be in revolution soon and I hope it will," and for making other like remarks. The County Defense council met Tuesday, and Frank Davis of Weeping Water offered a resolution to eliminate the teaching of German in the public schools. The schools have complied with the spirit of the resolution.

Head of Eustis Schools Enlists in Radio Corps

Eustis, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—C. E. Andrews, superintendent of the Eustis public schools, resigned his position and left today for the Great Lakes naval training station, having enlisted in the radio service. Prof. Green, science teacher in the Cozad public schools, is elected superintendent of the Eustis schools for the coming year; Miss Krantz, principal; Miss Crangle of Doane college, assistant principal; Miss Davis, grammar teacher; Miss Ellis, primary. Miss Dickerson was elected music and domestic science supervisor.

Sell Kaiser's "Goat" for \$110 at Wisner Meeting

Wisner, Neb., April 23.—(Special Telegram)—An athletic entertainment was given by the home guards at the high school gymnasium Monday night. Large delegations came from other towns. The Wisner orchestra played patriotic selections. The Wisner male quartet took part in the musical program. Archie Robertson of Scribner delivered an address and sold the Kaiser's "goat" for \$110. A total of \$355 was realized at the entertainment and will go into a mess fund for the soldiers.

Strong Enforcement of Dry Law at Scottsbluff

Lincoln, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Governor Neville received the following from Scottsbluff, this morning, covering prosecutions of violation of the prohibitory law: Six persons were arrested and the fines assessed against the offenders totaled \$1,100.

Shaping Track at Beatrice For Varsity Track Meet

Beatrice, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—"Doc" Stewart, coach of the University of Nebraska foot ball team, was in the city yesterday and arranged to have Athletic park put in the best possible shape for the track meet to be held here Saturday, May 4, between the Minnesota and Nebraska university teams.

Reception to Selectmen

Eustis, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—A rousing reception was given by the citizens of Eustis to the boys who are to leave in the draft. They are: Arthur Dauscher, Bert Schlipf, Ferdinand Schultz, Roy Brown, Dr. Hale, Carl Gauger and Roy Stark.

Farmer Who Won't Buy Bonds Placed Under Heavy Bond

Beatrice, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—John Gerdes, wealthy retired farmer of this city, who has flatly refused to buy a Liberty bond of \$650, was arrested today by Sheriff Acton on a complaint filed by County Attorney Messmer, under the sedition act. Judge Ellis set his preliminary hearing for next Tuesday and fixed his bond at \$10,000, which he furnished. Some alleged statements made by Gerdes are that the government is in with the grocers and millers to rob the poor man and the flour we may have would not make bread fit for a hog to eat, and the farmer who raises his own wheat has a right to grind it up and eat as much of it as he pleases.

BANKS MAY DIRECT ALL LIBERTY BONDS

Attorney General Reed Gives Opinion That Public Policy Dictates Patriotic Investments Be Tax Free. (From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 24.—(Special)—The question whether a bank making return for assessment purposes can deduct from its assessment roll the amount of government bonds of the first and second Liberty loans held by it April 1, is put up to Attorney General Reed by Dr. P. L. Hall, president of the Central National bank of Lincoln and the attorney general answers as follows: "You inquire whether a bank in making its return for assessment purposes is permitted, under the law, to deduct from its assessment roll the amount of government bonds of the first and second Liberty loan held by it on April 1, 1918. In my opinion, such a deduction may be made of so much of the capital stock of the bank as represents an investment in such bonds. In making this statement, am not unmindful of the fact that our supreme court has held that the statutory provision for the taxation of the property of banks is in reality a provision for the taxation of the shareholders upon the value of their respective shares of stock and that the supreme court of the United States has held that the tax on an individual in respect to his shares in a corporation is not a tax on the corporation and the value of the shares may be assessed without regard to the fact that the assets of the corporation include government securities, and if the question were merely as to the power of the state to tax the stockholders of a bank upon the full value of their shares of stock, without making any deduction because of the fact that a part of the capital stock of the bank is invested in government securities that are non-taxable, will say frankly that, as yet, they have not done so. What Law Means. "It is clear to my mind, however, that the laws of this state do not contemplate or sanction the taxation of stockholders in a bank upon the value of the government securities that are exempt from taxation and which form a part of the capital stock of the bank. The organic law of the state provides for uniformity of taxation and the general provision of law, relative to the taxation of corporate stock only requires that the holder and owner make return of such stock when the capital stock of the corporation is not assessed in this state. It is clear that if a corporation organized for mercantile purposes, as we say, and having all its property within the state of Nebraska, animated by a spirit of patriotism upon the part of its managers, should buy non-taxable government securities, neither the corporation itself nor those owning its stock could be assessed upon the value of such securities. Uniformity of taxation requires that a like ruling be made in the case of the owner of bank stock. "Independent of the fact that the statutory provisions of this state and the judicial decisions of its courts indicate clearly that the capital stock of a bank invested in non-taxable government securities is exempt from taxation either to the bank itself or to its stockholders, in this crisis of the country's history an exemption from taxation in such cases should be allowed as a matter of public policy; for every possible inducement should be held out to secure a ready response to the government's appeal for funds with which to prosecute the war."

Not Corporation Tax

Lincoln, April 24.—(Special)—The exhibits of alleged fraud and fraudulent banking that were attached to the report of the state bank examiner have been lost and cannot be found. They were given, officials say, into the hands of the State Banking board.

Gage County Notes

Beatrice, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Albert N. Kuhn and Miss Grace Miller, both of this county, were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Archie Miller, at Bellevue, Kan. A sheep shearing demonstration was held here yesterday afternoon at the home of John C. Boyd, southwest of Virginia, by Prof. K. F. Warner of the state farm. Charles Burbank, a stock raiser of the Filley vicinity, sheared a sheep with a pair of shears, this being the method used years ago, and Prof. Warner went over the sheep with the latest shearing machine and obtained a pound more fleeces. Funeral services for the late Lawrence Reel, who was killed in an airplane accident near Long Beach, Cal., last week, were held here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in Evergreen Home cemetery. The debating championship of southeastern Nebraska is to be decided here on the evening of Friday, May 3, when the Beatrice and Wyomere teams meet. The farm of the Nickell estate, consisting of 160 acres, and located in Sherman township, was sold yesterday to Earl M. and Harrison Frantz. J. W. McKissick of this city, who has been serving as a member of the state food commission, stated yesterday that he expects to soon resign, and that he will hereafter devote his attention to the municipal code commission of Lincoln.

Col. Phil L. Hall Assigned to School of Fire, Fort Sill

Camp Cody, N. M., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Colonel Phil L. Hall of Lincoln, commanding the 127th field artillery, has gone to Fort Sill, Okla., to the artillery school of fire. Major E. E. Sterrick of the 134th infantry, formerly the Fifth Nebraska, has gone to Omaha.

Organize Home Guards

Rosalie, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—A meeting was held last evening to organize a company of home guards. Organization was perfected with the following officers: G. A. Bolas, president; Theodore Johnson, treasurer; W. W. Reed, treasurer; Chris Snell, captain; Mackie Gilson, first lieutenant; Carl Aldrich, second lieutenant. Eighty members joined.

Dies From Blood Poisoning

Rosalie, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Ralph Byers, a young farmer of Rosalie, died this morning of blood poisoning. Mr. Byers suffered no known injury that would cause blood poisoning. He is survived by a young wife and four small children. He was ill one day.

Home Guard Organization Largest in the State

Winner, S. D., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—The Winner home guards have the largest membership of any like organization in the state. Many farmers drive 15 miles twice a week to attend drill.

Western Appointments

Washington, April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Ernest L. Fligel has been appointed postmaster at Jackson City, Ia., vice Harry S. Bort, resigned. J. P. Watson has been appointed rural letter carrier at Keeline, Wyo.

ELLIOTT TRIAL ATTRACTS STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Exhibits of Alleged Fraud in Defunct Decatur Bank Case Are Lost and Cannot Be Found.

Tekamah, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—The trial of John E. Elliott, cashier of the defunct Decatur bank, was begun Wednesday morning. He is being tried on but one count, that of accepting money for deposit when he knew the bank was insolvent. A jury was obtained and the opening statements of attorneys made before noon. The taking of evidence began in the afternoon. The State Banking board is behind the prosecution and Alfred Menger of the state attorney general's office, is prosecuting. Herbert Rhoades, Burt county attorney, is assisting. J. A. Singhaus, representing the State Bankers' association, is watching the case for that organization. The exhibits of alleged fraud and fraudulent banking that were attached to the report of the state bank examiner have been lost and cannot be found. They were given, officials say, into the hands of the State Banking board.

Defense Council Asks Suspension of German Paper

Beatrice, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram)—Fritz Meyer and wife, who reside west of the city, were given a hearing before the Defense council on the charge of making seditious remarks. At the close of the trial it was decided to refer the case to District Attorney Allen for further investigation. The council went on record as being opposed to the publication of German newspapers in the county, and General Colby was appointed as a committee of one to call on Emil Schultz, editor of the Die Nebraska Post at this place and request him to suspend the publication of his paper until after the war.

BOARD ATTACKS ITS OWN EXPENSE BILLS

State Control Body Introduces Evidence to Reflect on Outgo That Had Been Given Official Approval. (From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 24.—(Special)—In the McMahon hearing before the State Board of Control today its accountant, George Weidenfeld, verified the expense account of the Geneva institution as correct and then proceeded to show that expenditures of the appropriation were extravagant. Of the \$68,806 appropriated by the legislature \$39,866 of the amount, it was shown, already had been expended and not half of the biennium for which the appropriation was made has passed. The witness admitted that the expenditures had been made and approved by the board, which had certified the amounts to the state auditor as correct and with their approval. It is understood one reason why the expenditures ran beyond the average monthly amount was that following the hunch of the government fuel administrator that coal might be scarce after a while, 400 tons of coal had been put in for summer consumption and now lies on the ground at the institution.

Board Had Approved

Attorney Burke objected to the introduction of this evidence because it was shown that the expenditures were approved by the board and that the superintendent could not be charged with extravagance when the board had approved and certified the expenditures to the state auditor as correct and necessary. The chairman of the board overruled the objection and the testimony went through. Correspondence between the board and the superintendent was offered in evidence, to which the attorney for Miss McMahon offered no objection. Asked to Use Caution. These disclosed that the board had called the attention of Miss McMahon to the condition of the funds at the institution and urged her to be careful. Some of them asked for explanations regarding certain expenditures, while other letters disclosed that explanations had been made regarding the expenditures. One letter from Miss McMahon stated that she was endeavoring to keep expenditures down, but believed the board would not desire to see things really needed to make the institution more efficient, cut down. She asked co-operation in the work of "saving our girls" and hoped that they would call attention when there was anything amiss in her work.

Army Orders

Washington, April 24.—(Special Telegram)—First Lieutenants Royal W. Dunham and Jacob J. Kennedy, medical reserve corps, are relieved from duty at Fort Riley, Kan., and will proceed to Des Moines. First Lieutenant Horace S. Dowell, medical reserve corps, is assigned to active duty at Fort Des Moines.

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Violators of Sabotage Law To Be Vigorously Prosecuted

Washington, April 24.—Warning was given today by Attorney General Gregory that acts of sabotage or destruction of any property which might result in interfering with the war's conduct now are punishable under the new federal sabotage act and that the Department of Justice plans severe action against violators. The act is broad in its application, said a statement, "because it includes every possible kind of supplies of a nature which could be used by the United States government or any of the allies in the prosecution of the war; it includes not only the finished articles, but all parts and ingredients."

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A thankful letter about the benefits received from using Sulpher Tablets. Its effects are like grandmother's remedy of sulphur, cream of tartar and molasses. But this consists of sulphur, cream of tartar and herbs, in a sugar-coated tablet, easy and pleasant to use, for bad blood, stomach, liver and bowel disorders.

IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

Says Backache is sign you have been eating too much meat.

Sanitary science has of late made rapid strides with results that are of untold blessing to humanity. The latest application of its untiring research is the recommendation that it is as necessary to attend to internal sanitation of the drainage system of the human body as it is to the drains of the house.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble, rheum, indigestion, stiffness; others who have hollow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make any one a pronounced crank on the subject of internal sanitation.—Adv.

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Everybody reads Bee Want Ads.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a teaspoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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